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Application Number	09/367,794
Filing Date	August 19, 1999
Examiner Name	Chih Min Kam
First Named Inventor	Dime, David S.
Art Unit	1653
Attorney Docket Number	018148-000130US

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

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Signature		Date	August 6, 2003

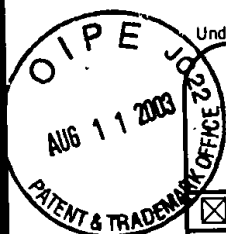
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 580

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1001	750	Utility filing fee	
		1002	330	Design filing fee	
		1003	520	Plant filing fee	
		1004	750	Reissue filing fee	
		1005	160	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1202	18	Claims in excess of 20	
		1201	84	Independent claims in excess of 3	
		1203	280	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
		1204	84	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
		1205	18	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)					(\$)

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large	Entity	Small	Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130			Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520			For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55			Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205			Extension for reply within second month	205
1253	930	2253	465			Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725			Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985			Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160			Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140			Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650			Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235			Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315			Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50			Petitions related to provisional applications	
1806	180	1806	180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	375
1802	900	1802	900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____							
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